

Bill Horn's

News and Reviews



5th District Supervisor, County of San Diego

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A world in need of healing . . .

Our hearts are heavy as we see daily reminders of hatred in the Middle East



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and domestic threats at home.

We have no magic bullet to stop the real bullets and suicide bombers. However, we have something better: the power of prayer to soften bitter hearts.

This year's National Day of Prayer on May 2 was more meaningful than ever as other staff voluntarily joined me in prayer around the County flagpole at Noon.

"God is our refuge
and strength,
an ever-present help
in time of trouble."

~Psalm 46:1

Fastest moving fire in recent history

Residents are rebuilding and renewing in the aftermath of devastation

The February Gavilan fire in Fallbrook was a community disaster that touched the hearts of everyone in North County.

Thankfully, we were truly blessed with brave and dedicated firefighters and Sheriff's personnel. The professionals and volunteers who answered the call of duty, responded admirably to one of the fastest wind-driven fires in memory. There was great property damage, but no lives were lost.

It was a devastating blaze that destroyed 45 homes and burned 5,700 acres of highly combustible vegetation. Fallbrook's avocado and citrus crops were also hard hit.

We saw the remarkable spirit of Fallbrook and surrounding communities as people came to the aid of neighbors and strangers with generosity and compassion.

Because of past problems with relief agencies, it was our intent to get disaster funds directly to fire victims. We established a trust fund at the County and asked that it be administered by the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce.

Special thanks goes to Bob Leonard, Executive Director of the Chamber. He helped administer more than \$87,000 to fire victims. Sixty thousand dollars came from our Community Projects budget, with the rest coming from large

corporations, small businesses, churches, civic groups and private citizens. Some companies donated services and

materials and provided moral support. A victim of the Alpine Fire sent a check, pleased to know it would go directly to the Fallbrook victims. Giving was sacrificial—especially from school age children and seniors on fixed incomes. One woman wrote, "I like to think of caring strangers as



Supervisor Horn toured the fire area with Assemblyman Dennis Hollingsworth, local firefighters and CDF personnel.

'angels unaware.'

There are about 615,000 people who live in the Fifth District of North County, and each person is directly affected by issues we are dealing with right now. Inside this newsletter, you'll find Horn's Headlines, a brief summary of items you'll want to know about - including progress in bringing year-round fire protection from the state.



Despite a wall of flame 100 feet high, this home escaped intact because the homeowner had cleared the perimeter for defensible space around his structures.

Horn's Headlines

Supervisor Bill Horn presents \$25,000 to Join Hands Save A Life

Fifth District Community Projects funds moved Frank Sorino's youth project closer to reality. Mayor Bud Lewis and the Carlsbad City Council later approved \$150,000 to begin construction of a gym to be used for after-school, evening and weekend programs for 300, mostly Carlsbad Latino, youth.



Presenting the check: Supervisor Horn helped to make the "Join Hands Save A Life" program a reality with \$25,000 in community projects funds.



Historic Mission San Luis Rey receives \$16,000 for upgrades

At his State of North County Address at the Mission, Supervisor Horn announced the County's award for electrical improvements, roof repair and the purchase of a portable defibrillator.

LEFT: Father Ben from Mission San Luis Rey welcomed the public to Supervisor Horn's State of North County address.



ABOVE: Supervisor Bill Horn with Escondido mayor Lori Holt-Pfeiler.

Supervisor Horn testifies in Sacramento

Supervisor Horn spoke in favor of Senator Bill Morrow's bill to have the State provide year-round fire protection. "There's no calendar when it comes to fire in San Diego County," Horn said. "We need air tankers stationed in Southern California year-round." The measure was passed and sent to the Appropriations committee.

"While San Diego County continues to meet and exceed its responsibilities to provide for the safety of its citizens, the State needs to do its share by providing year-round staffing of crews and

engines as well as stationing two air tankers year-round in Southern California," Horn said.

Nearly \$900,000 for North County firefighting efforts

Several Fifth District fire agencies are now able to order a wide array of sorely needed fire-fighting equipment due to Supervisor Horn's allocation of nearly \$900,000 from the Community Projects budget. New fire engines, communications equipment, breathing gear, protective clothing and station improvements are now a reality.

"Many of these projects were in the planning stage since last

year. When monies became available this year, fire protection was at the top of my list," stated Horn.

Horn announces historic 100 foot vegetation removal

"This is the first time in history that all responding agencies in the San Diego region will be enforcing clearance to the same standard. This will increase the ability to save homes and lives during wildfires by providing a defensible space around structures," said Horn. For a guide to Brushing and Clearing, log onto: www.co.san-diego.ca.us/cntydepts/landuse/planning/Resource/4_faq/brushbro.pdf.

Horn and Sheriff Kolender form County Club Drug Task Force



Supervisor Horn presented the San Diego Prevention Coalition with \$140,000 to assist in the fight against drugs distributed at RAVE parties. Pictured left to right are: John Redman, Prevention Coalition Director, Sheriff Bill Kolender, Supervisor Horn, Trinna Fletcher from Parents & Adolescents Recovering Together Successfully (PARTS).

Supervisor Horn put \$140,000 in Community Projects funds toward the formation of the Club Drug Task Force, a project that takes special aim at the Club Drug "Ecstasy." The task force will partner with the San Diego Prevention Coalition in hopes of saving young people from suffering permanent brain damage and/or dying.

Supervisor Horn spoke on-camera in support of an hour-long special entitled "Ecstasy: Are You Killing Your Brain?" that was produced by XETV/Fox6 News. The program was shown on four area stations at four different times and in two languages. It was seen on Channel 6, and also on XUPN/Channel 33.

The San Diego Unified School District made the program required viewing for all students and has also provided 400,000 interactive study guides.

Rancho Santa Fe Senior House receives \$56,000 for ADA access

On March 1, Rancho Santa Fe Seniors hosted a reception for Supervisor Horn at their Senior House at 16780 La Gracia. The event was attended by more than 60 Rancho Santa Fe residents and included many major donors to the project.

The County of San Diego contributed \$56,000 for improvements

to the house that will help the organization comply with standards of the American Disabilities Act.

"I am quite impressed with the number of programs Rancho Santa Fe House has to offer the senior community," said Horn who spent a relaxed two hours visiting with residents. "Their outreach is extensive and the organization is a tremendous asset for the senior community."

"We are grateful to the County for this generous contribution to the Rancho Santa Fe Senior House," said Executive Director Ginger Board. "We are excited about this new facility and our increased ability to serve the community through our health out-



Supervisor Horn visited with Pat and Janie Scallan.

reach programs, resource and referral services, crisis intervention, social gatherings, family support services, transportation services and more. Getting to know Supervisor Horn was a wonderful experience for all of us and we appreciate the genuine interest he has shown in our project."



Martha Ritland and Ruth Milliken

Affordable/low income housing gains with help from the County

The following new projects are being developed with grants from the County of San Diego:

1. \$1,236,000 toward 84 apartments in Fallbrook
2. \$ 920,000 toward 204 homes in San Marcos
3. \$ 909,955 toward 118 homes near Rancho Bernardo

"In spite of all the obstacles from environmentalists and their attorneys, we, the County are making progress in affordable housing for North County," Horn said. "However, we need to do much more."

Fifth District previews . . .

Supervisor Horn to propose County endorsed Chaplaincy program

"We have the opportunity to have a coordinated, religiously neutral chaplain corps of pre-screened and trained clergy to be part of the county's response protocol in the event of major disasters," said Horn. Members of this program were among the first on the scene following September 11 in New York City.

County Supervisors will begin review of County's master land use plan

As part of the General Plan 2020 planning process, DPLU will be conducting community workshops beginning on May 1. "I encourage residents to come out and make their wishes known on proposed land use within the unincorporated area," said Horn. "I am committed to finding solutions to the housing crisis in San Diego County while preserving our precious natural resources. Because this general plan update will have long term consequences for everyone, it is important that we receive input from farmers, ranchers, landowners, developers, environmentalists and the public at large."

For times and locations of Community Workshops or other information about General Plan 2020, check www.scdcdplu.org or your local newspaper.

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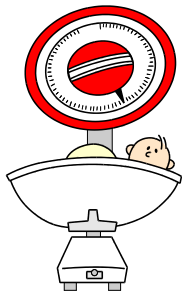
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Super Grandpa!

Supervisor Bill Horn became a grandfather Tuesday, May 7, when Geoff and Holly Horn gave birth to Jackson Geoffrey Horn at 9:55 AM at Pomerado Hospital. Jackson weighed in at 6 1/2 pounds, and measured 19 1/2 inches long. "I've always been a person who wants to get things done now," Horn said. "It looks like Jackson is my kind of guy. He was born two weeks early."

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